

## THE FIGHTING AT EL PASO.

THIRTY TEXANS DESTROYED BY A MOB OF THREE HUNDRED MEN.

A frantic appeal for relief to have them removed from the scene. The troops are ordered to leave the State to the State.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—At about midnight last night Congressmen Mills of Texas received the following despatch from Gov. Hubbard at Austin, Texas:

The Sheriff of El Paso county telegraphs to night that state troops are surrounded and will be massacred unless they are ordered to leave the State. The Secretary of the State is asked to order the troops to leave the State.

In reply to the above, Mr. Mills, by authority of the Secretary of War, this evening sent the following:

Troops are now moving under orders from here with all possible speed from Fort Bayard, Fort Stanton, Fort Davis, and Santa Fe. Relief must soon be had.

The War Department received information this morning that the local difficulties in El Paso county, Texas, which grew out of the question to the right and title to certain salt mines, has assumed a threatening aspect. The few United States and State militia in the county have been surrounded, and unless relieved very soon it is feared they will be cut to pieces.

The despatch from Gov. Hubbard, asking assistance, was referred to Gen. Sherman, who telegraphed Gen. Sheridan to send all the troops he could.

The latter replied this morning that he had ordered troops as follows: From Fort Bayard, 200 men; distance eighty miles to El Paso, four companies of infantry, 125 men, and one company of infantry, 25 men. From Fort Stanton, 300 men; distance fifty miles to El Paso, three companies of infantry, 125 men, and one company of infantry, 25 men. From Santa Fe, distance thirty-five miles to El Paso, one company of infantry, 25 men. All of the above troops are from Gen. Pope's command, and he has no others within 500 miles.

It is believed that the troops from Fort Stanton have already reached El Paso, and will probably be able to relieve the troops now surrounded by the mob. Troops have also been ordered from Fort Davis, Texas, a distance of about 250 miles, as follows: One company of cavalry, 90 men; three companies of infantry, 90 men. Total number of troops ordered, 506 men. They are ordered to proceed with all possible despatch.

The route from Fort Davis is almost a desert trail, and the march will be very difficult. It is very doubtful, however, that the troops from Fort Bayard will not do very well. The troops from Fort Stanton will not do very well. The troops from Fort Davis will not do very well.

It is the intention of the Government to settle the salt question by force, and hence a sufficient force has been ordered to the scene. No international complications are likely to grow out of this disturbance. It is purely a local affair, in which the supremacy of the local and State laws is involved. The Mexicans who have come over from the south side of the Rio Grande, and joined the mob on this side, are believed to be relatives of Mexicans living in Texas, and others, who have for years been gathering salt from the lakes in El Paso county without restrictions of any kind. If there should be a fight between the troops and the mob, and any of the Mexicans from the south side should be killed, the Government would be obliged to make a strong protest to the Mexican Government, and the latter would be obliged to make a strong protest to the United States Government.

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## MURDER TRIAL IN BROOKLYN.

CASE OF THE NIGHT WATCHMAN WHO KILLED A CAPTAIN.

A Tragedy Resulting from Drinking too Much Whiskey on Election Night—Stinging Wound Followed by a Fight—Then a Fatal Shot.

William Thompson, who was indicted for murder in the first degree in killing George McBride, a canal boat captain, in Commerce street, Brooklyn, on election night, was tried in the United States District Court yesterday.

The prisoner, a small, blue-eyed man, with red hair and mustache, sat with his wife and children by his counsel, Col. Robert Johnston. He held in his arms one of a pair of pretty twin girls. The other played in his mother's lap.

On the night of the killing Thompson was a watchman on duty at the stores of Woodruff & McLean, in South Brooklyn. McBride, who was a large, muscular man, was on his way to his canal boat, with Michael Doyle, and he came upon Thompson, who was standing at the door of the stores, talking to John Welsh. They had been talking about the Aldermanic contest, and when Doyle saw that Thompson was excited, he went to the door and called to him. Thompson, who was in a state of excitement, went to the door and called to him. Thompson, who was in a state of excitement, went to the door and called to him.

Thompson replied that he was good enough to watch those stores. He was a North of Ireland Quaker dog, and I'll clear you off these docks.

He advanced closer to Thompson, and the latter, who was in a state of excitement, went to the door and called to him. Thompson, who was in a state of excitement, went to the door and called to him.

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## SEVENTY-NINE DUSKY BABES.

Showing their Faculties and Various Shades of Color in Gilmore's Garden.

The Grand National Jubilee Colored Baby Show was begun last evening in Gilmore's Garden.

In the centre of the eastern half of the great building, a platform about 200 feet long and twelve feet wide had been crowded upon this closely as they could sit. It was five feet high, so that all could see the babies. At the distances all about were the cages containing the monkeys, hennas, the tigers, and the screaming parrots. When the elephants passed the babies listened unconcernedly. When the tigers roared, however, the babies were alarmed.

Joseph Clinton Greene and Priscilla Elmira Greene are two of the hand-picked twins in the exhibition. They live in York street, and they will be two years of age on the 1st of October. Priscilla's hair had been done up in papers at her mother's house, and she was a very pretty girl. She was a very pretty girl. She was a very pretty girl.

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